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(*d*) whether it is a fact that several complaints were received against the Vellore Devasthanam Committee and whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board had to interfere on several occasions; and

(*e*) whether Government will call for a report on the working of the Vellore Devasthanam Committee ?

A.—(*a*) Under the rules issued under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has to submit a review of the administration of temple committees along with its administration report.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 499 on the 10th October 1928.

(*d*) The information available is that the committee was not working satisfactorily mainly owing to want of funds.

(*e*) The Vellore Circle Temple Committee has been abolished and a new committee has been constituted for the North Arcot district from 21st August 1928.

Schemes framed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act in Guntur district.

* 1180 Q.—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many schemes have been so far framed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act in the district of Guntur; and

(*b*) how many suits have been filed by archakas, trustees or others interested in the temple endowments in the same district during the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, and with what results ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the administration reports of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board so far published. The Government have no subsequent information.

Provincialization of the clerical establishment of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1181 Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mutts and temples exempted by Government under the provisions of the Hindu Religious Endowments Act;

(*b*) the amount of contribution that is lost to the Board by such exemptions;

(*c*) the reasons why provident funds have not been started for the clerical staff of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board;

(*d*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by the staff of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in getting their monthly salaries; and

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to consider the question of provincialization of the clerical establishment of the office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ?